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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1785**  
Keiichi MATSUHISA : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0801A  
Serial No. 10/581,244 : Group Art Unit 4121  
Filed May 31, 2006 : Examiner Jean P. Cornet  
LOTEPREDNOL ETABONATE :  
AQUEOUS SUSPENSION : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 8, 2008.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction and an election of species.

Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-5.

Applicant elects "An aqueous suspension containing leoteprdnol etabonate and methyl p-hydroxybenzoate" as the species.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-5.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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